

Meeting with Larry Whitaker, the new publisher of The Clarion-Ledger  
Monday, November 28, 2006

### Biased reporting

- Example: Stories from Clarion-Ledger and Sun-Herald about the impact of November 7 elections

Clarion-Ledger headline: “Gov. Barbour sees party work unravel with takeover”

Sun-Herald headline: “Barbour: No big deal”

Clarion-Ledger reporter (Julie Goodman) invented an “analysis” on taxes

Two completely different takes by reporters based on the same comments

“Analysis” disguised as “news”

- Example: November 1 story on education funding

No mention of \$323 million increase in higher education funding over last three years

No mention of 19% increase in K-12 funding over last three years

Inaccurate reporting (or editing) on budget proposal for Mississippi Adequate Education Program and money for teacher pay raises

Editorial board coming up December 12